

setting support tool 1200 running on a remote server or processing unit. The agent program then retrieves, from the target processing unit, the association information 106, the installation information 105, and the object-sharing information 109 and sends them to the policy setting support tool 1200. The policy setting support tool 1200 in turn creates policy information 1310 and send them to the agent program, which finally saves them into the policy file 1220 inside the target processing unit.

In the variant of implementation described above, the programs to be executed on information processing units or servers may be installed in their storages beforehand or, alternatively, be installed in their storages via a removable storage medium (not shown in any of the diagrams) or a communication medium (i.e., a network or a carrier wave constituting a network).

The specification and drawings are, accordingly, to be regarded in an illustrative rather than a restrictive sense. It will, however, be evident that various modifications and changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the claims.